

103^D CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. J. RES. 81

Designating the oak as the national arboreal emblem.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 19, 1993

Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. BRADLEY) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Designating the oak as the national arboreal emblem.

Whereas the oak has more than three hundred species native to North America;

Whereas the oak is grown today in every State;

Whereas the oak represents durability and longevity;

Whereas the fruit of the oak, the acorn, was used as food by early native Americans;

Whereas in a pool conducted by the International Society of Aboriculture, the oak was selected by a majority of people as the tree that symbolizes the United States;

Whereas the oak has been renowned in art, music, and literature; and

Whereas it is fitting and proper that the United States have a national arboreal emblem: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the tree commonly known as the oak is designated
4 and adopted as the national arboreal emblem of the Unit-
5 ed States, and the President is authorized and requested
6 to declare such fact by proclamation.

○